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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-14 and 33 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Eom (U.S. Patent No. 6,069,708). Furthermore, claims 34-38 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eom in view of Bernardi (U.S. Patent No. 5,692,225).

Claims 15-28 have been allowed.

Claims 29-32 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Accordingly, the features of claim 29 have been added into claim 1. Also, the features of claim 30 have been added into claim 6. The features of claim 31 have been added into claim 11. The features of claim 32 have been added into claim 13. Claims 29-34 have been cancelled.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

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